



MCWHIRTER SWIMMING POOL RULES & REGULATIONS

POOL HOURS OF OPERATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

MON-SAT 10AM – 7PM; SUNDAY 1PM – 7PM

1135 East US Highway 90

The pool's maximum user load limit is 80. Maximum number of swimmers per on-duty Lifeguard is 20. No additional users may enter until enough have left the facility to be within the guidelines.

1. Strict adherence to safety rules is required of all patrons. The Lifeguards and Pool Manager have the authority to enforce all posted and reasonable rules for the health and safety of all patrons.
2. Neither the City of Flatonia nor the swimming pool staff are responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged articles. The City pool does not have storage areas for the public. Patrons are encouraged not to bring valuables to the pool area.
3. No food or beverages (other than water) can be brought in the pool area except during a private party.
4. No glass containers are allowed at any time. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Smoking and vaping is prohibited.
5. The pool has a telephone intended for staff and emergency use. Use by patrons must be approved by the head staff on duty and only on a limited, urgent basis under staff supervision.
6. Parents should not drop off children at the pool without proper supervision if under certain ages. Age requirements for supervised swimming are:
 - Children under 5 years:
 - Accompanied by parent, or guardian (17 years of age or older), in the pool and attending to the child's safety at all times;
 - Children 5-10 years:
 - Accompanied by a responsible person (defined as a person 16 years of age or older who is capable of caring for a child). A **parent** may appoint a person younger than 16 as the responsible person **IF** a signed permission slip is presented to the pool staff. Forms are available at the pool entry. The parent or guardian must be present at

the pool when signing.

If children under the age permitted to swim unattended are dropped off without supervision, pool staff will attempt to contact the parent/guardian. The child will not be able to enter the pool until proper procedures are in place. Lifeguards and pool staff in place to ensure the safety of pool patrons and not serve as babysitters. If a child below the permitted is dropped off without required supervision, staff may contact law enforcement for assistance in locating the parent and ensuring the child's safety.

7. Parents and guardians of swimmers in street clothing will be allowed in the pool area at no charge to watch children. All persons in swimming attire will pay an admission fee regardless of intention to swim.
8. No one will be allowed in the pool area unless admission is paid other than in accordance with #7 above.
9. No one is allowed to enter the pool unless a City of Flatonia Lifeguard is present poolside.
10. During periods of heavy use, the pool staff will close the pool to additional swimmers once the maximum limit per Lifeguard or facility has been reached. If patrons wish to be allowed inside once the capacity has lessened, they may wait outside in line but may in no instance block entry or exit ways. Entry is based on who is in line at the time and there is no "holding places".
11. All swimmers must wear acceptable swimwear. If the pool staff determines that attire is inappropriate (due to exposure) or potential for damage to the pool, the staff may deny entry.
12. In the event of pool closing, due to bad weather, equipment malfunction, staff illness/absence, or unforeseen health related matter (feces; blood event) no refunds will be made.
13. Failure to follow safety and health rules will result in expulsion from the swimming pool. Continued problems may result in revocation of pool pass and/or loss of pool privileges for the season.
14. **Pool Parties/Rentals:**
 - a. Reservations for private parties may be made after the pool opens for the season.
 - Reservations will be made by City Hall staff using a rental form;
 - Reservations are booked when the fee, deposit, and Lifeguard fee are received by the City, and Rental Agreement and Hold Harmless agreement are signed and received by City Hall;
 - b. Pool parties may be scheduled only for a 3-hour block on Monday - Sunday, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM during the pool season.

IMPORTANT: The rental period is inclusive of set-up and clean-up. Additional time before or after reservation time will result in forfeit of deposit due to additional staff time needed. Please be considerate of staff assisting the party. If renter does not depart within a reasonable time (30 +/- minutes), staff will be authorized to contact law enforcement for assistance.

c. Permitted and Prohibited Items During Pool Rental

Permitted

- Patrons may bring food and drinks into the pool area during private parties. Food and beverages are not to be taken into the pool.
- Mylar balloons

Prohibited (including but not limited to)

- No alcoholic beverages of any kind may be brought into McWhirter Park, including the City pool.
 - No glass containers, electrical devices or extensions cords may be brought into the pool area.
 - Small decorations that could enter the pool and clog the system such as:
 - Confetti, glitter, and similar decorations
 - Latex balloons
 - Silly string
 - Sparklers or similar
 - Solutions such as bubbles
- d. All regular safety and sanitation rules apply to parties.
- e. Renter is responsible for cleanup. This includes ensuring all trash is placed in the proper receptacle in the pool area and restroom facilities. Failure to clean will result in forfeiture of deposit.
- f. Any damage to any area within the McWhirter pool will result in forfeiture of deposit. Intentional damage may result in prohibition from using the pool for the season, or longer, at the discretion of the City Manager.